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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the November 15, 2005 Office Action setting forth an election/restriction requirement in the above-identified application. The time for reply to this Office Action is up to and including December 15, 2005. Therefore, submission of this response on December 6, 2005 is timely. Remarks begin at page 2.